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Applicant:

Stephen M. Potter

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Charlotte, North Carolina September 3, 2004

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, Va 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed August 9, 2004.

An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply is being filed simultaneously herewith.

A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$420.00 for the Large Entity Extension of Time Fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to DOUGHERTY & CLEMENTS LLP Deposit Account No. 04-1448.

Respectfully submitted,

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